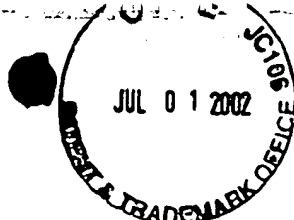


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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231  
Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement (hereinafter referred to as "Response") is responsive to the Office Communication mailed May 24, 2002 (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response.<sup>1</sup>

This Response is believed timely filed. Should this Amendment not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON 6/24/02.

By: Peggy Ferello

<sup>2</sup> If an Extension is deemed necessary, please consider this Paper to comprise a Petition for such an Extension.